

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-16 and 18-22 are pending in the present application. No claim amendments are presented, thus no new matter is added.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-4, 6-16 and 18-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Ludwig et al. (U.S. Pub. 2003/0225832, herein Ludwig) in view of Yogeshwar et al. (U.S. Pat. 7,035,468, herein Yogeshwar), Minneman et al. (U.S. Pat. 7,174,083, herein Minneman) and Amit et al. (U.S. Pub. 2002/0032730, herein Amit).

Applicants respectfully traverse the above noted rejection, as independent Claims 1 and 8 recite novel features clearly not taught or rendered obvious by the applied references.

Independent Claim 1, for example, recites a system for archiving a collaboration over a network, comprising:

... a speech recognition engine interfaced with the archive and configured to identify voices associated with an audio media stream *and provide a temporal map of speaker identity over the duration of the collaboration based on the identified voices.*

Independent Claim 8, while directed to an alternative embodiment, recites similar features.

As described in an exemplary embodiment at Fig. 3, p. 8, ll. 17-18 and p. 8, l. 29 – p. 9, l. 2 of the originally filed disclosure, voice identification may be used to produce a time-based speaker map displayed with an audio archive. Thus, a user may identify portions of the archive of interest based on the identity of the speaker.

At pp. 4-5, the Office Action concedes that the combination of Ludwig, Yogeshwar and Minneman fails to disclose the above noted claimed feature. In an attempt to remedy this deficiency, the Office Action relies on Amit and asserts that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the cited references to

arrive at Applicants claims. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, as Amit fails to disclose “*provid[ing] a temporal map of speaker identity over the duration of the collaboration based on the identified voices*”, as recited in independent Claims 1 and 8.

Generally, Amit describes a method for correlating data sessions by providing a reading application for a client and an agent in an audio channel. In rejecting the claimed feature directed to providing the temporal map, the Office Action relies on paragraphs [0016] – [0020] of Amit. These cited portions of Amit describe that the audio channel contains an automatic speech recognizer (ASR) that identifies a voice of an agent and conveys an agent identifier associated with the voice to a database connected to the server (DCS) which contains a unique identifier (UID) of the computer or browser/browser application of a particular agent. The UID of the client associated with the audio call is also sent to the DCS, thus enabling matching of identifiers for co-browsing.

Therefore, while Amit does appear to describe a process of recognizing a voice of a collaborator, this recognition is not used to “*provide a temporal map of speaker identity over the duration of the collaboration based on the identified voices*”, as claimed. Instead, Amit merely describes that the voice recognition is used to retrieve a UID of an agent associated with the recognized voice to facilitate co-browsing between a user and the recognized agent.

Therefore, Ludwig, Yogeshwar and Minneman, even if combined with Amit, fail to teach or suggest a system for archiving a collaboration over a network that includes “a speech recognition engine interfaced with the archive and configured to identify voices associated with an audio media stream *and provide a temporal map of speaker identity over the duration of the collaboration based on the identified voices*”, as recited in independent Claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claim 1 (and the claims that depend therefrom) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn. For substantially

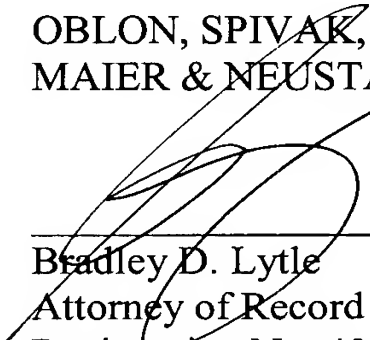
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similar reasons, it is also submitted that independent Claim 8 (and the claims that depend therefrom) also patentably define over Ludwig, Yogeshwar, Minneman and Amit.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by Claims 1-4, 6-16 and 18-22 is patentably distinguishing over the applied references. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of the application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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